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an event arises incident to representational functions that must be dealt with during the irregular, unscheduled overtime period.

§ 551.425 Time spent receiving medical attention.

- (a) Time spent waiting for and receiving medical attention for illness or injury shall be considered hours of work if.
- (1) The medical attention is required on a workday an employee reported for duty and subsequently became ill or was injured;
- (2) The time spent receiving medical attention occurs during the employee's regular working hours; and
- (3) The employee receives the medical attention on the agency's premises, or at the direction of the agency at a medical facility away from the agency's premises.
- (b) Time spent taking a physical examination that is required for the employee's continued employment with the agency shall be considered hours of work.

§ 551.426 Time spent in charitable activities.

Time spent working for public or charitable purposes at an agency's request, or under an agency's direction or control, shall be considered hours of work. However, time spent voluntarily in such activities outside an employee's regular working hours is not hours of work.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

§551.431 Time spent on standby duty or in an on-call status.

(a)(1) An employee is on duty, and time spent on standby duty is hours of work if, for work-related reasons, the employee is restricted by official order to a designated post of duty and is assigned to be in a state of readiness to perform work with limitations on the employee's activities so substantial that the employee cannot use the time effectively for his or her own purposes. A finding that an employee's activities are substantially limited may not be based on the fact that an employee is subject to restrictions necessary to ensure that the employee will be able to

perform his or her duties and responsibilities, such as restrictions on alcohol consumption or use of certain medications.

- (2) An employee is not considered restricted for "work-related reasons" if, for example, the employee remains at the post of duty voluntarily, or if the restriction is a natural result of geographic isolation or the fact that the employee resides on the agency's premises. For example, in the case of an employee assigned to work in a remote wildland area or on a ship, the fact that the employee has limited mobility when relieved from duty would not be a basis for finding that the employee is restricted for work-related reasons.
- (b) An employee will be considered off duty and time spent in an on-call status shall not be considered hours of work if:
- (1) The employee is allowed to leave a telephone number or to carry an electronic device for the purpose of being contacted, even though the employee is required to remain within a reasonable call-back radius; or
- (2) The employee is allowed to make arrangements such that any work which may arise during the on-call period will be performed by another person.

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§ 551.431 Time spent on standby duty or in an on-call status.

- (a) An employee will be considered on duty and time spent on standby duty shall be considered hours of work if:
- (1) The employee is restricted to an agency's premises, or so close thereto that the employee cannot use the time effectively for his or her own purposes; or
- (2) The employee, although not restricted to the agency's premises:
- (i) Is restricted to his or her living quarters or designated post of duty;
- (ii) Has his or her activities substantially limited; and
- (iii) Is required to remain in a state of readiness to perform work.

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